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SIDELIGHTS ON THE MCWILLIAMS CAMPAIGN

Horse, Wagon and Blackshirts to Share in Ballyhoo

Having finally raised sufficient funds, Joseph E. McWilliams has bought a horse and wagon. With these picturesque additions he plans to canvass the Yorkville area in his campaign for election to Congress. The horse and wagon are the living representatives of McWilliams' campaign symbol: a prairie wagon surrounded by a ring of stars. The prairie wagon symbolizes courage, integrity and other virtues for which the Christian Mobilizer chieftain is not exactly famed; the stars are emblematic of the title of his political party, the American Destiny Party. Recognizing -- and doubtless regretting -- his inability to encircle himself with an actual ring of stars, McWilliams has limited himself to securing the wagon and the horse to escort him through the streets of New York's 18th Congressional District.

Desirous of human companionship also, McWilliams is undertaking the formation of a youthful "shock-brigade" to accompany him during his campaign. The storm troopers will wear black shirts (if the funds can be secured). The troopers will be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three and will be under the leadership of an ex-prizefighter. Some two hundred of these troopers are contemplated. In view of the various practical tasks that will confront these campaign assistants of McWilliams, they are to be thoroughly trained in the art of street-fighting.

McWilliams is doing anything these days for publicity. In spite of the attacks he publicly makes on the New York Post and World-Telegram for their "un-American" articles denouncing him, he is really not at all displeased with such mention of his name. He likes to see his name in print; and he considers even the worst abuse better than no reference at all. He does, however, object to ridicule; that offends his vanity.

McWilliams' recent statement that members of his organization hung the hammer-and-sickle flag which appeared over John L. Lewis' head at the CIO convention last January 25, is an example of his hunger for publicity. Those close to McWilliams realize that childish pranks of this nature warm his heart. But they also know that, despite his eager claims, neither he nor his henchmen had anything to do with this particular piece of infantilism.

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U. S. FASCISTS PROMOTE ANTI-ALIEN BOOM

Former Nazi-Enthusiasts Change Their Tactics

In all parts of the country fascist groups are increasing their anti-alien propaganda and their support to all anti-alien legislation. Acting under "patriotic" banners, the Silver Shirts, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, the Christian Front, the Black Legion, and other key fascist organizations are concentrating their forces on this drive. Anti-alienism has long played an indispensable role in the activities of these groups, but today the tactic of alien-baiting is assuming a new significance. The fascists feel that because of the tenseness of the national and international situation, the time is particularly strategic for attacks on the alien and they are acting accordingly.

Anti-Alienism and Anti-Semitism

Little attempt is made on the part of our native fascists to conceal their jubilation over the turn of events which they believe has lent so sharp an edge to an old weapon of theirs. Curtiss' Weekly American Bulletin, whose Nazi and Christian Front sympathies have for some time been openly proclaimed, makes this statement in its May 29 issue:

"Seriously, however, America does undoubtedly suffer from the activities of foreign agents of all the great powers. ... This is not to mention the most dangerous alien power operating in our midst -- the international Jewish power, which has planted among us a 'Fifth Column' about six million strong, and with power and secret influence out of all proportion even to that number! Jewish influence, Jewish interests, Jewish ideas dominate the American scene!

"... one or two good things are coming out of all this excitement (of war hysteria) -- proposals for CUTTING DOWN ON IMMIGRATION, and for the registration and control of aliens. No other great power so coddles its aliens as does the U. S. A. It is time to deal sensibly with this problem."

The same sentiment is echoed by Pelley in his current writings about "the Jewish Fifth Column," by Joseph McWilliams in his references to the "alien Trojan Horse" (which in some way he links up with "the international bankers"), by Father Coughlin in his thinly veiled allusions to the "alien problem," by James True, Kenneth Brown, Jacob Thorkelson, and all the other native fascist satellites.

Reynolds Shows the Way

Today the brightest star in this particular fascist galaxy is unquestionably Senator Robert R. Reynolds. The lesser would-be

fuehrers look to "Bob" for leadership; for of all the anti-aliens, he has long been the most vociferous. And Reynolds is particularly optimistic these days. His fondest dreams, he admits, are becoming realities. He finds support coming from the most unexpected quarters. Formerly he considered himself "a voice crying in the wilderness," but now it seems he can propose no anti-alien measure which is not guaranteed immediate and enthusiastic endorsement.

The passing by the Senate of Reynolds' amendment to the LaFollette Bill (an amendment in which the employment of more than ten percent of non-citizen workers is forbidden in any interstate industry), the approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Smith Bill which calls for the fingerprinting and registration of all non-citizens, the increasing support for the Hobbs Concentration Camp Bill and for the Poage Bill (which provides for the deportation of non-citizens of certain categories and is little more than a revamp of the recently vetoed Starnes Bill) -- these and many other Congressional activities (including some seventy additional anti-alien bills) are symptomatic of the popularity into which Reynolds-endorsed legislation has fallen. Small wonder the Senator's close associates are today referring to him as "The Hero of the Hill."

Alien-Baiters Reach Out

The movement is by no means limited to Washington, D. C. In Florida, California, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Georgia attempts are being made to enact state and local laws for the registration and fingerprinting of aliens, and for the preventing of their employment in many industries. Throughout the country, voices are being raised to suggest depriving the aliens of rights provided them by the Constitution. These voices echo a remark with which Representative Howard Smith is credited. When questioned at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing as to the constitutionality of his anti-alien bill, Smith is said to have replied, "If this bill isn't constitutional we ought to change the Constitution."

Old Voices with New Theme-Song

It is of course significant that the staunchest and most "patriotic" supporters of today's anti-alien movement were yesterday among the most enthusiastic endorsers of the National Socialist Movement. But the promotion of Nazism has fallen into considerable disfavor in the United States; and Reynolds, Pelley, McWilliams and the others find it far more profitable at the moment to be anti-alien than pro-Hitler. Moreover, these fascist elements reason thus: it is a short step from anti-alienism to anti-Semitism; from anti-alienism to anti-Negroism; from anti-alienism to anti-unionism. In many cases the step has already been taken. It is not without reason that the would-be American fuehrers express increasing satisfaction with every new attack on the aliens. They openly acknowledge that fascism needs a scapegoat; they are willing to accept the aliens as theirs.

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JAMES D. MOONEY "EARNs" HIS NAZI MEDAL

General Motors Official Still Admires Hitler and
Mussolini - Nazi Medals of Other Industrialists

The recent statement in favor of Hitler and Mussolini publicly made by James D. Mooney is no sudden departure in the policies of that high official of General Motors. Mr. Mooney, vice-president of General Motors in charge of the company's overseas operations, has been known for his pro-Nazi and pro-fascist sentiments over a period of several years. On August 10, 1938, in recognition of his services to the Nazi regime he was signally awarded by Hitler, who presented Mr. Mooney with the Merit Cross of the German Eagle, First Class. Mr. Mooney gratefully accepted the decoration, and continued his trips to the Reich with redoubled zeal. After each trip he made speeches or statements to the American public in favor of the Axis partners.

Two other outstanding industrialists of the United States accepted decorations from Hitler. They were: Thomas J. Watson, president of the International Business Machines Corporation, and Henry Ford. Watson (after keeping the Nazi medal for three years) has returned it with a statement that Hitler's latest policies "are contrary to the causes for which I have been working." Ford still retains his Hitler medal. James D. Mooney is not only keeping his, but is apparently trying to prove he deserves it.

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OREGON FASCIST ISSUES NEW PUBLICATION

Kenneth A. Brown, who was recently defeated in his effort to obtain the Republican nomination for the U. S. House of Representatives from the State of Oregon (see The Hour for June 8), is distributing the first issue of a new publication entitled "The Fifth Column." Dated May 31, and labeled Volume 1, Number 1, this mimeographed sheet vigorously echoes the pro-fascist and anti-Semitic ideology which Brown so blatantly voiced in his campaign for nomination to the House of Representatives. Repeating the anti-Semitic calumnies characteristic of fascist propaganda in general, "The Fifth Column" reprints a familiar Nazi-inspired cartoon entitled "Onward Jewish Soldiers." This crude and brutal drawing is supposed graphically to prove that the Jewish people are responsible for the present European war.

Correct Figures in Brown Vote

In connection with its report of Brown's defeat in the Oregon elections, The Hour has a correction to make. The Hour stated that Brown was supported by "some 3,300 voters." Actually Brown received about 10,000 votes; he was defeated by more than 50,000.

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